

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2637**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Mazzoni**

February 23, 1998

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An act to amend Section 44579.3 of, and to add Section 44259.3 to, the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2637, as introduced, Mazzoni. Teachers.

(1) Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to establish professional standards, assessments, and examinations for entry and advancement in the education profession and to establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits. Existing law sets forth the minimum requirements for the preliminary and professional multiple and single subject teaching credential.

This bill would require the commission to review the minimum requirements for the preliminary and professional multiple and single subject teaching credential and to recommend their revision as necessary, during the normal revision cycles, to ensure that kindergarten and first grade teachers have knowledge of age-appropriate teaching methods for children between the ages of 4 to 6, inclusive, who may be of the same grade level but of vastly different developmental levels.

(2) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop regulations with regard to the Staff Development Buy-out Program, a program under which grants are awarded to school districts that offer staff

development on days that are not counted as instructional time or days. Existing law requires these regulations to include designation of the core curricular areas in which staff development will be provided.

This bill would require these regulations to include the requirement that teachers, administrators, and any other recipients of staff development be provided with training concerning age-appropriate teaching methods for children between the ages of 4 to 6, inclusive, who may be of the same grade level but of vastly different developmental levels.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 44259.3 is added to the  
2 Education Code, to read:

3 44259.3. The commission shall review the minimum  
4 requirements set forth in Section 44259 for the  
5 preliminary and professional multiple and single subject  
6 teaching credential and shall recommend their revision  
7 as necessary, during the normal revision cycles, to ensure  
8 that kindergarten and first grade teachers have  
9 knowledge of age-appropriate teaching methods for  
10 children between the ages of 4 to 6, inclusive, who may  
11 be of the same grade level but of vastly different  
12 developmental levels.

13 SEC. 2. Section 44579.3 of the Education Code is  
14 amended to read:

15 44579.3. (a) The Superintendent of Public  
16 Instruction shall develop rules and regulations for the  
17 purposes of this article, and those rules and regulations  
18 shall include, but not necessarily be limited to,  
19 designation of the core curricular areas in which staff  
20 development will be provided and the method by which  
21 a school district may apply for funds pursuant to this  
22 article.

23 (b) *The rules and regulations developed pursuant to*  
24 *subdivision (a) shall include the requirement that*  
25 *teachers, administrators, and any other recipients of staff*

1 *development be provided with training concerning*  
2 *age-appropriate teaching methods for children between*  
3 *the ages of 4 to 6, inclusive, who may be of the same grade*  
4 *level but of vastly different developmental levels.*

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